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Form S-8
August 22, 2003

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Registration No. 33-

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

73-0785597
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 GLENBOROUGH, SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77067
(Zip Code)

NOBLE ENERGY, INC. 1992 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

JAMES L. MCELVANY
Chief Financial Officer
Noble Energy, Inc.
100 Glenborough, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77067
(Name and address of agent for service)

Copy to:
JOE DANNENMAIER
Thompson & Knight LLP
1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 3300
Dallas, Texas 75201
(214) 969-1700

(281) 872-3100
(Telephone number, including
area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED (1)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE (2)	PROPO MAXIMUM A OFFERING
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Common Stock, \$3.33 1/3 par value per share	5,250,000 shares (2)	\$38.72	\$203,2
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(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, shares issuable upon any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction with respect to these shares are also being registered hereunder.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on the basis of the average of the high and low sales prices of the Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on August 18, 2003.

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PART I

INCORPORATION OF CONTENTS OF PRIOR
REGISTRATION STATEMENTS

THE CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-54084 RELATING TO THE NOBLE ENERGY, INC. 1992 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN (THE "PLAN") FILED BY THE REGISTRANT WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "COMMISSION") ON NOVEMBER 2, 1992 AND THE CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-39299 RELATING TO THE PLAN FILED BY THE REGISTRANT WITH THE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 31, 1997 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PRIOR REGISTRATION STATEMENTS"), INCLUDING ALL EXHIBITS THERETO, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE PURSUANT TO GENERAL INSTRUCTION E TO FORM S-8. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS TO REGISTER 5,250,000 ADDITIONAL SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE REGISTRANT FOR OFFER AND SALE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN.

NOTICE REGARDING ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

The Registrant's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001 incorporated by reference in this registration statement have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen"), independent auditors, as stated in their reports with respect thereto, and are included herein in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in giving said reports.

After reasonable efforts, the Registrant has been unable to obtain Andersen's written consent to the incorporation by reference into this registration statement of its audit reports with respect to the Registrant's financial statements. Accordingly, the Registrant has omitted such consent in reliance upon Rule 437a under the Securities Act of 1933.

Because Andersen has not consented to the incorporation by reference of its audit reports with respect to the Registrant's financial statements, Plan participants may not be able to recover against Andersen under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for any untrue statements of any omissions to state a material fact required to be stated therein.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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Item 8. Exhibits

In addition to the exhibits incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into the Prior Registration Statements, the following documents are filed as exhibits to this Registration Statement:

- 4.1 Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, as amended, dated July 22, 2003 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 5.1 Opinion of Thompson & Knight LLP, regarding 5,250,000 shares of Common Stock.
- 23.1 Consent of KPMG LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of counsel (included in the opinion of Thompson & Knight LLP, filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on August 22, 2003.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Charles D. Davidson

Charles D. Davidson
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. The undersigned persons hereby constitute and appoint Charles D. Davidson and James L. McElvany, or either of them, as their true and lawful attorneys-in-fact with full power to execute in their names and on their behalf, in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments to this Registration Statement and the Prior Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and hereby ratify and confirm all that such attorneys-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature

Capacity in Which Signed

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/s/ Charles D. Davidson ----- Charles D. Davidson	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (principal executive officer)
/s/ James L. McElvany ----- James L. McElvany	Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)
/s/ Michael A. Cawley ----- Michael A. Cawley	Director
/s/ Edward F. Cox ----- Edward F. Cox	Director
/s/ James C. Day ----- James C. Day	Director
/s/ Kirby L. Hedrick ----- Kirby L. Hedrick	Director
/s/ Dale P. Jones ----- Dale P. Jones	Director
/s/ Bruce A. Smith ----- Bruce A. Smith	Director

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